

NEIC PM News

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Special points of interest:

We have new members.

Welcome to Jim Anderson
and Ronald Jamieson.

PMI '2000

7 September-13 September
2000. Houston, Texas, USA

Thanks to everyone who
submitted a paper abstract
for consideration in PMI's
31st Annual Seminars &
Symposium Technical Pro-
gram. More information on
PMI '2000 will be available
soon!

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Our January Meeting

Last month's meeting was a rousing success. The topic for the evening was presented by Jeffrey Robinson regarding IBM's recent challenge of obtaining their SEI-CMM Level 2 certification. Since several local companies are looking to take on this challenge in the near future, the topic was well received.



Come hear what Mike has to
say about Professionalism and
Work Balance

This month's meeting will be held on February 15th starting at 5:30 with a social period. The topic for this month—Professionalism and Work Balance. See page 3 for more details.

An Eye on PM—Standards

The much anticipated *PMBOK® Guide* update working draft is nearly ready for submission to the PMI Publishing Division for preparation of the exposure draft. The exposure draft will be mailed to all PMI members and other stakeholders for comments. All comments will be reviewed for possible incorporation into the final, revised document which should be published in the fourth quarter of this year. In addition, four *PMBOK® Guide* extension projects are in various stages of completion. They are the Information Systems Extension, the Defense Extension, the Construction Extension and the Government Extension.

The PMI *PMBOK® Guide* was recently approved as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Other projects currently being undertaken include the Organizational Project Management Maturity Model, Project Taxonomy, Project Manager Competencies, Project Management Principles and WBS Practice Standard. Additional projects are being considered by the Standards Program. Another open working session and program paper presentation are scheduled for PMI 2000. To date, there are over 250 volunteer members working on various projects within the Standards Program.

For more information on any of these projects, visit the Standards Program's web page at www.pmi.org/standards or contact Lew Gedansky, Ph.D., Manager, Technical Research and Standards, at +610-356-4600 x1060 or r&d@pmi.org.

A letter from the new president

Hello!

As those of you who attended our January meeting know, I promised I'd write a letter detailing some of the activities of your new BOD. This month, I'd like to tell you about our efforts to improve communication.

One area that needed the most improvement was communications! In the past meeting notices were late or didn't reach everyone, publicity didn't always go out on time, and the BOD didn't communicate it's work with the membership. Communication is the BOD's top priority! Improvements we're making include:

1. Ability to RSVP via the Website
2. Meeting notices - 1st notice two weeks in advance, 2nd notice one week in advance.
3. Publicity - Speaker Bio, topic, and meeting information ready 3 weeks prior to meeting.
4. Establishing an E-newsletter for e-mail distribution and posting on the website.
5. Clean-up of the membership roster.
6. Expanding the website to provide information for member and non-member reference.

Two other areas we are trying to tackle are creating value to members at the local level, and growth in the diversity of companies and careers represented in the chapter. Next month, I'll report on our progress in these areas.

I want to urge you to communicate with the BOD. If you have ideas for improving the chapter, or the meetings, please let us know! If you know of interesting speakers, let us know! If you know someone who would benefit from joining PMI, let us know - we can do the work of recruiting the prospect for you! We are here to make the chapter what the membership wants it to be - and we can't do that without your requirements and suggestions!

June L. Ball, President, NEIC-PMI

NEIC 2000 Board of Directors

June Ball—President : June has 13 years experience in Information Technology, 3 of which were as a Project Leader. She recently changed careers and is now pursuing a career in Marketing. She credits her success in changing careers, in part, to non-IT based project management principles learned since joining PMI. She holds an AAS in Systems Analysis from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, BS in Information Systems from Purdue University Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne Campus and an MBA from Indiana University (Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne Campus). She has been a member since June of 98 and has previously held the position of VP of Finance.

Janice Eplett—Vice President of Communications: Janice is a project manager with IBM Global Services. She has spent the last 20 years working in an IT environment with the last 10 focused on project management efforts. She has undergraduate degrees from State University of New York at Potsdam and Bryant and Stratton Business Institute as well as her MBA from Syracuse University. She also has a Masters Certificate in IT Project Management from ESI/George Washington University and is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Stacey Smith - Vice President of Membership: After spending 20 years moving with the Aerospace Industry, Stacey moved from sunny Florida and 20 years working for Lockheed and Rockwell on the space shuttle program to Fort Wayne and Insurance industry. A project manager for Lincoln Reinsurance Systems, she has 20 years of management experience with 10 of it being directly related to IT project management. Her current focus on projects is toward web based development utilizing high tech languages and middleware. She holds a BS in Information Technology from Barry University and preparing to take her PMP test within the next few weeks.

Dave Maynard—Vice President of Professional Development: David has over 24 years experience with high tech, leading-edge, developmental projects. After successfully managing the recovery of several failing projects, David assumed the role of General Manager of a Orlando, Florida based operation with sales of over \$15 million, and dedicated it to the task of managing deeply troubled programs across all industries. Along with his team of over 70 professionals, he has successfully managed the project recovery of over \$1 billion in complex projects. As a result of his efforts, David has received personal commendations from the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, NASA, the Air Force Space Command, and private businesses. A frequent author and speaker on Project Management practices, David has had 5 original papers published by the Project Management Institute. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and holds undergraduate degrees in Engineering, Business, and an MBA.

Faye Webb—Vice President of Finance: A frequent speaker and author on subjects that include project life cycle methodology, classification methodology, risk analysis, LAN control implementation, and information technology team development, Faye has twenty years of experience in technology development and systems controls. She has participated in a variety of projects including information systems outsourcing, RFP and contract review, acquisition due diligence, financial services and divestiture and has been in the role of project manager for dozens of technology projects and operational and financial review projects throughout North America and the United Kingdom. Faye is currently a Change Management Consultant for a Fortune 500 financial services organization based in Philadelphia. She is a charter member of the North East Indiana Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

February Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2000
Agenda: 5:30 Social and Networking Time
6:00 Dinner
6:45 Announcements
7:00 Program
8:00 Adjourn

Professionalism and Work Balance

~~ by Mike Hyland ~~

Mike's 26-year multi-faceted career with IBM has included roles in technology, education, application development, and project management. In addition to IBM internal projects, Mike has worked on major projects for such companies as McDonnell Douglas, State Farm, and Lincoln National Life Insurance. As IBM Corporate World Wide Data Standards Project Manager, Mike successfully planned, implemented, and deployed Information Management Standards across all IBM business areas. While engaged in New Business Opportunities, he developed over fifty bid proposals, experiencing an eighty two percent win rate on these opportunities. Mike holds an IBM Project Management Certification as well as PMP Certification.

Location: Don Hall's Guesthouse
1313 West Washington Center Road
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Menu: Sautéed Chicken with mixed berry sauce, Waldorf salad, Butter-whipped potatoes, Mixed vegetables, Turtle Cheesecake

Cost: Members: \$20 Non-Members: \$25

RSVP (Required): 219-455-0372 (JLBall@LNC.com) or via our website (www.neic.projectmanagers.com) by
Thursday, February 10, 2000

Please Note: Reservations must be paid at the door or will be billed.

We're on the web!
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Speakers Wanted

The North East Indiana Chapter is always looking for new speakers to challenge our membership with. If you or someone you know might have a subject that is of interest, please contact June Ball at JLBall@LNC.com or 455-0372. We want to be sure to provide diverse, interesting subjects on a monthly basis that will provide knowledge and growth to all our membership.

PMP Preparation Classes are coming to the Internet

PMI® conducts a certification program in project management. PMI's Project Management Professional ("PMP®") credential is the project management profession's most globally recognized and respected certification credential. To obtain PMP certification, an individual must satisfy education and experience requirements, agree to and adhere to a Code of Ethics, and pass the PMP® Certification Examination. Worldwide there are over 15,000 PMPs who provide project management services in 26 countries. Many corporations require, for individual advancement within the corporation or for employment, the individual have the PMP® credential.

Approval of the PMBOK guide by ANSI enhances the credibility of PMI and its standards documents, as many diverse industries accept and rely on ANSI Standards to help them establish their processes and tolerances," said Cindy Berg, PMP. "As PMI increases global visibility, standardization issues continue to grow more complex. Standards are critical to the survival of companies marketing to multiple nations."

Dave Maynard, Vice President of Member Development is working on a plan to provide preparation classes on the **Internet** to the members of NEIC. The class will be composed of 12 modules -- one for each PMBOK guide chapter and a one week introduction. Each student will be required to "attend" no more than 3 or 4 hours a week. The class process includes a lecture, PMBOK guide reading assignments, a group discussion of selected topics, and answers to weekly exam-type questions.

The student will be required to have Internet access including a browser and Email package. Additionally, MS Office (MSWord and MS Excel minimum) will be required

Each student will be required to

- Purchase a copy of PMI's PMBOK guide (\$26.35) from the PMI bookstore [<http://www.pmi bookstore.org/>] or download and print a copy from [<http://www.pmi.org/publictn/pmboktoc.htm>]
- Purchase a copy of PMI's PMBOK Q&A booklet (\$19.95) -- no download available
- Obtain or download a copy of PMI's PMP certification handbook [<http://www.pmi.org/certification/certbrochure.htm>]

Each student will be supplied with

- Expanded PMBOK guide Table Of Contents
- Glossary cross-reference (time permitting)
- Additional exam-type questions authorized by PMI, but not found in the Q&A booklet

Statistics show that passing the PMP Certification test are higher if you have completed a PMP preparation class within a short period of time prior to taking the test. If you are planning to sit for your certification, this is you best chance to get the additional training you may need without ever leaving the comfort of your home or office.

If you are interested in receiving more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Dave Maynard at dave@maynard.com.